(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Tea (Loose)			
Delhi	55.00	55.00	55.00
Bombay	55.00*	60.00	60.00
Calcutta	50.00*	40.00	42.00
Madras	85.00	70.00	76.00
Salt (Packed)			
Delhi	3.00	2.50	2.00
Bombay	3.00	2.50	2.00
Calcutta	3.00*	2.00*	2.00
Madras	3.00	2.50	2.50
Potatoes			
Delhi	2.50	3.00	2.50
Bombay	3.50	5.50	4.50
Calcutta	2.00*	4.00*	3.50
Madras	3.50	5.50	5.50
Onions			
Delhi	4.00	4.00	7.00
Bombay	3.00	2.00	6.00
Calcutta	2.40*	4.50*	8.00
Madras	3.00	3.00	5.80

Source: State Civil Supplies Departments. * Prices as on the nearest available date.

Racket in Super Bazar drug store

3620. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press newsitem caption "Racket in Super Bazar drug store" as reported in the Indian Express dated 27th November, 1992;

(b) if so, whether the preliminary internal audit of the Super Bazar has revealed gross misappropriation of money by the drugs department;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(d) responsibility fixed by Government in this regard; and

(e) what action Government propose to contemplate in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) The preliminary audit report of the Super Bazar has not brought to light any gross misappropriation of money in the Drugs Deptt. Preliminary internal audit conducted in the year 1990, suggested certain procedural measures which were duly taken note of and implemented for improving the functioning of the Drugs Department. The Super Bazar has reported that regular review meetings were held to monitor and take action for the improvement of the Drugs Department of Super Bazar. Required procedures are being adopted to maintain records and action is taken against erring employees.

Import of edible oil

3621. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the requirement of edible oil in the country vis-a-vis production and imports made in terms of quantity and value during the past three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the present estimate of oil production and demand for the current year and imports made/proposed with proportion to cost of imported edible oil;

(c) whether Government are making huge imports detrimenting the interests of oil seed producers; and

(d) if so, whether Government have received any representation from the farmers organisation of Gujarat, if so, the details thereof alonwith the action taken thereon and present policy of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The requirement of edible oil in the country

vis-a-vis production and import made with value thereof during the last three oil-years is as under:

Oil year	Require-ments. (lakh M.Ts.)	Production (lakh M.Ts.)	Import	
			Qty. (lakh M.Ts.)	CIF Value (Rs. in Crors)
1989-90	57.72	47.22	6.07	328.32
1990-91	60.26	54.00	1.02	73.49
1991-92	62.85	52.40	1.13*	116.68

Based on Planning Commission's projections This exeludes a quantity of 0.55 lakh M.T.s (appx.) of palmolein imported directly by States against payment in rupees and 0.47 lakh MTs. (appx.) of crude degummed soyabean oil received as gift under US AID PL 480 Title III Agreement.

(b) The Planning Commission has projected the requirement of edible oils at 65.59 lakh MTs for oil year 92-93 (Nov. to Oct.). The production thereof during the same period is expected to be at 61.10 lakh MTs. During the oil year 92-93 (till 30.11.92) a negligible quantity of 12,000 MTs (approx.) has been imported.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Government has received a representation from Shri H.M.Patel, Chairman, Hindustan Oilseeds Growers' Association, Anand requesting for suspension of import of edible oils till such time there is sufficient improvement in oilseeds and oils prices. As per the estimates of IRMA there would be 62 lakh MTs of edible oil prodcution during the current oil year, which would be sufficient to meet the domestic demand @ per capita consumption of 7 kg per annum. Government- has resorted to barest minimum import during the oil year 1991-92 and in the current oil year 1992-93 only a negligible quantity of 12,000 MTs (approx), has so far been imported till 30th November, 1992 to meet the contingency demand.

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3622. **श्री वीरेन जे० शाह:**
डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली विषयक सलाहकार परिषद ने सरकार को सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के सम्बन्ध में नयी राष्ट्रीय नीति कार्यान्वित करने की सलाह दी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने परिषद की सलाह का अध्ययन कर लिया है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है; और

(घ) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली सम्बन्धी नई नीति की घोषणा कब की जायेगी और यह कब कार्यान्वित की जायेगी?

नागरिक आपूर्ति और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद): (क) से (घ) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली की सलाहकार परिषद की 27 जुलाई, 1992 को हुई चौदहवीं बैठक में लगभग सभी राज्यों ने यह विचार व्यक्त किया था कि सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के लाभ जनसंख्या के केवल जरूरतमन्द और पात्र वर्ग को ही उपलब्ध कराए जाने चाहिए और अनुरोध किया था कि इस संबंध में एक राष्ट्रीय नीति विकसित की जाए। ऐसी नीति के कार्यान्वयन के लिए कोई निश्चित समय सीमा निर्धारित नहीं की जा सकती क्योंकि यह नीति राज्य सरकारों के साथ परामर्श करके विकसित की जानी है।

Production of vanaspati under New Industrial Policy

3623. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small scale sector has been exempted from compulsory licencing for production of vanaspati under the New Industrial Policy; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether imported edible oils are being supplied to small sectors for production of vanaspati at reasonable price; if so, the details thereof; and